GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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PERCENTAGE OF TRAFFIC ON NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of road traffic on the National Highways out of the total road traffic in the country;

(b) the details of percentage of length of one lane, two lane and four lane roads out of the total 1,62,000 kms. length of National Highways; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to tide over the problem of heavy congestion of traffic on roads in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GENERAL (RETI KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) National Highways carry about 40% of the total road traffic in the country.

(b) The total length of National Highways in the country is about 58,077 Kms.The percentage of length of single lane is about 39%, two-lane is about 58% and four lane is about 3%.

(c) For tiding over the problem of congestion, the widening of National Highways is being taken up in phased manner depending upon the availability of funds. As a major step in this direction, 4/6 laning of about 13,252 Kms. of National Highways is being taken under the National Highways Development Project (NHDP).